GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:207
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2017
BBIN Motor Vehicle Act
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has entered into any agreement on Highway project linking Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal Motor Vehicle Act (BBIN MVA);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUSTION NO. 207 FOR ANSWER ON 16.03.2017 ASKED BY SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER REGARDING BBIN MOTOR VEHICLE ACT

(a) to (c): Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) signed a Motor Vehicle Agreement (MVA) during the meeting of Transport Ministers of the 4 countries in June, 2015 at Thimphu, Bhutan for the regulation of passenger, personal and cargo vehicular traffic between and among Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal. The Agreement aims at facilitating seamless movement of vehicles in the sub-region. The BBIN MVA will enter into force after all the 4 countries ratify the Agreement and all the countries except Bhutan have already ratified the MVA.

Trial runs of passenger and cargo vehicles under the BBIN MVA have been conducted with the objective of incorporating experiences and learnings into the protocols for implementation of the Agreement. A trial run of cargo vehicle was conducted from Kolkata to Agartala via Dhaka (Bangladesh) in November, 2015 from India with cargo destined for Bangladesh and Northeast India. A similar trial run of cargo vehicle from Dhaka (Bangladesh) to Delhi (India) via Kolkata was also conducted during 28 August- 2 September, 2016 with the consignment destined to New Delhi. A trial run of passenger bus from Kolkata (India) to Khulna (Bangladesh) was also conducted during the same period.

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